

(2) Basic pay may not be fixed under this section at a rate greater than the rate payable for level I of the Executive Schedule, except upon written approval of the President.

(e) The authority to fix the rate of basic pay under this section for a position shall terminate—

(1) whenever the Office of Personnel Management determines (in accordance with such procedures and subject to such terms or conditions as such Office by regulation prescribes) that 1 or more of the requirements of subsection (b) are no longer met; or

(2) as of such date as such Office may otherwise specify, except that termination under this paragraph may not take effect before the authority has been available for such position for at least 1 calendar year.

(f) The Office of Personnel Management may not authorize the exercise of authority under this section with respect to more than 800 positions at any time, of which not more than 30 may, at any such time, be positions the rate of basic pay for which would otherwise be determined under subchapter II.

(g) The Office of Personnel Management shall consult with the Office of Management and Budget before making any decision to grant or terminate any authority under this section.

(h) The Office of Personnel Management shall report to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate each year, in writing, on the operation of this section. Each report under this subsection shall include—

(1) the number of positions, in the aggregate and by agency, for which higher rates of pay were authorized or paid under this section during any part of the period covered by such report; and

(2) the name of each employee to whom a higher rate of pay was paid under this section during any portion of the period covered by such report, the rate or rates paid under this section during such period, the dates between which each such higher rate was paid, and the rate or rates that would have been paid but for this section.

(i)(1) For the purpose of this subsection, the term “position” means the work, consisting of the duties and responsibilities, assignable to an employee, except that such term does not include any position under subsection (a)(2)(A)–(E).

(2) At the request of an agency head, the President may designate 1 or more categories of positions within such agency to be treated, for purposes of this section, as positions within the meaning of subsection (a)(2).

(Added Pub. L. 101–509, title V, § 529 [title I, § 103(a)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1444; amended Pub. L. 102–378, § 2(34), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1350; Pub. L. 108–411, title I, § 102, Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2311; Pub. L. 108–447, div. B, title I, § 115, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2870.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level I of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is set out in section 5312 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a)(2)(G). Pub. L. 108–447 added subpar. (G).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108–411, § 102(1), (2), substituted “Office of Management and Budget” for “Office of Personnel Management” and “Office of Personnel Management” for “Office of Management and Budget”.

Subsec. (e)(1), (f). Pub. L. 108–411, § 102(2), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Office of Management and Budget”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108–411, § 102(1)–(3), substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Office of Management and Budget” and “Office of Management and Budget” for “Office of Personnel Management” and struck out “prescribing regulations under this section or” before “making any decision”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 108–411, § 102(2), (4), in introductory provisions, substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Office of Management and Budget” and “Committee on Government Reform” for “Committee on Post Office and Civil Service”.

1992—Subsec. (a)(2)(E), (F). Pub. L. 102–378, § 2(34)(A), added subpars. (E) and (F).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 102–378, § 2(34)(B), added subsec. (i).

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title III, § 305] of Pub. L. 101–509, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 5301 of this title.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section assigned to the Director of the Office of Personnel Management by section 1 of Ex. Ord. No. 13415, Dec. 1, 2006, 71 F.R. 70641, set out as a note under section 4505a of this title.

§ 5378. Police forces of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the United States Mint

(a) The Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, or his designee, in his sole discretion shall fix the rates of basic pay for positions within the police forces of the United States Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing without regard to the pay provisions of title 5, United States Code, except that no entry-level police officer shall receive basic pay for a calendar year that is less than the basic rate of pay for General Schedule GS–7 and no executive security official shall receive basic compensation for a calendar year that exceeds the basic rate of pay for General Schedule GS–15.

(b) For the purpose of this section, the term “police forces of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the United States Mint” means the employees of the Department of the Treasury who are appointed, under the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, as police officers for the protection of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the United States Mint buildings and property.

(Added Pub. L. 101–509, title V, § 529 [title I, § 109(a)(1)(A)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1451;

amended Pub. L. 104-52, title V, §521, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 494; Pub. L. 105-61, title I, §121, Oct. 10, 1997, 111 Stat. 1289.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a), is set out under section 5332 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-61 amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) consisted of pars. (1) to (8) providing maximum levels of General Schedule at which Secretary of the Treasury was to set basic rates of pay for positions in police forces of Bureau of Engraving and Printing and United States Mint.

1995—Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 104-52, which directed amendment of this section by adding par. (8), was executed by adding par. (8) at end of subsec. (a) to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE; CONVERSION AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

Section 529 [title I, §109(c)] of Pub. L. 101-509 provided that:

“(1) This section and the amendments made by this section [enacting this section, amending section 5102 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note below] shall become effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after the 30th day following the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990].

“(2)(A) A special pay rate (as defined in subparagraph (B)) shall apply to an individual holding a position if—

“(i) as a result of the initial exercise of authority with respect to such position under the amendment made by subsection (a)(1)(A) [enacting this section], such individual would (but for this paragraph) be paid—

“(I) at the step of the grade for which such special pay rate is then in effect; or

“(II) at a level which is between steps for which special pay rates are then in effect; and

“(ii) such position is within the area or location with respect to which that special pay rate or those special pay rates, as applicable, are then in effect.

The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations for determining which special pay rate shall apply in a situation described in clause (i)(II).

“(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, the term ‘special pay rate’ means a rate which—

“(i) is established under section 5303 of title 5, United States Code (or a succeeding provision of law);

“(ii) is applicable to positions within the police forces of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the United States Mint; and

“(iii) has been in effect (including any adjustments under section 5303(d) of such title) since on or before the effective date of this section.

“(3) No rate of basic pay in effect immediately before this section takes effect shall be reduced by reason of the enactment of this section.”

SPECIAL PAY RATES NOT AFFECTED

Section 529 [title I, §109(b)] of Pub. L. 101-509, as amended by Pub. L. 102-378, §3(1), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1355, provided that: “Nothing in this section or in any amendment made by this section [enacting this section, amending section 5102 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note above] shall—

“(1) affect any special pay rate under section 5303 of title 5, United States Code, established before this section takes effect; or

“(2) impair any authority to fix or adjust special pay rates under such section 5303 (or a succeeding provision of law) for positions within the police forces of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the United States Mint.”

[Amendment by Pub. L. 102-378 to section 529 [title I, §109(b)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out above, effective Nov.

5, 1990, see section 9(b)(6) of Pub. L. 102-378, set out as an Effective Date of 1992 Amendment note under section 6303 of this title.]

§ 5379. Student loan repayments

(a)(1) For the purpose of this section—

(A) the term “agency” means an agency under subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of section 4101(1) of this title; and

(B) the term “student loan” means—

(i) a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.);

(ii) a loan made under part D or E of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq., 1087aa et seq.); and

(iii) a health education assistance loan made or insured under part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.) or under part E of title VIII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 297a et seq.).

(2) An employee shall be ineligible for benefits under this section if the employee occupies a position that is excepted from the competitive service because of its confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character.

(b)(1) The head of an agency may, in order to recruit or retain highly qualified personnel, establish a program under which the agency may agree to repay (by direct payments on behalf of the employee) any student loan previously taken out by such employee.

(2) Payments under this section shall be made subject to such terms, limitations, or conditions as may be mutually agreed to by the agency and employee concerned, except that the amount paid by an agency under this section may not exceed—

(A) \$10,000 for any employee in any calendar year; or

(B) a total of \$60,000 in the case of any employee.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be considered to authorize an agency to pay any amount to reimburse an employee for any repayments made by such employee prior to the agency's entering into an agreement under this section with such employee.

(c)(1) An employee selected to receive benefits under this section must agree in writing, before receiving any such benefit, that the employee will—

(A) remain in the service of the agency for a period specified in the agreement (not less than 3 years), unless involuntarily separated; and

(B) if separated involuntarily on account of misconduct, or voluntarily, before the end of the period specified in the agreement, repay to the Government the amount of any benefits received by such employee from that agency under this section.

(2) The payment agreed to under paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection may not be required of an employee who leaves the service of such employee's agency voluntarily to enter into the service of any other agency unless the head of the agency that authorized the benefits notifies the employee before the effective date of such